Mustard oil has also been increased to the bound rate of 75% with effect from the 1st March, 2001.

Utilization of Financial Assistance for Earthquake by Gujarat

2740. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the utilization of financial assistance of Rs. 121223.51 lakh given to the Gujarat Government, for relief and rehabilitation in earthquake affected areas of the State;

(b) whether the amount of Rs. 127.10 crores from CRF and an amount of Rs. 1467.37 crores from NCCF, released to State, has been utilized;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has allocated a sum of Rupees 100 crores for the construction and repair of educational institutions affected by earthquake in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made to utilize the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

CBI Investigation of ICAR Corruption Cases

2741. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI R.N. ARYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about fifteen Members of Parliament wrote to the Prime Minister during July-November, 2001, regarding slow progress in CBI investigation of ICAR corruption cases;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether they had also stated that an ICAR scientist had been

victimised for unearthing the corruption, who had already been exonerated by the inquiry authority, that submitted its report to the Minister of Agriculture; and

(d) if so, whether the above report would be implemented, without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBI is investigating the case and the relevant documents have been sent to them. The report of CBI is awaited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. They have mentioned about Dr. S.S. Tomar former ADG((ARIS). However there has not been any victimization against him. The President, ICAR appointed Dr. Kiran Singh, DDG(AS) as the inquiry officer in a preliminary inquiry to enquire into the alleged misconduct of going to the press by Dr. S.S. Tomar, the then ADG (ARIS). The Inquiry Officer has submitted his report and the same is being processed.

Merging Assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology with ICAR

2742. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal has been received from the Ministry of Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution regarding transfer of the assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology, Mau to ICAR;